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Applicant: Bitler

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

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REPLY

Sir,

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2001. Reconsideration, reexamination and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend this application as follows.

In the Specification

Please cancel the amendment to page 6, line 26, set out in the Reply mailed August 21, 2000.

On page 6, between line 26 (which ends with the words "12,000 to 1,000,000." and line 28 (which begins with the words "Preferred SCC polymers...), please insert the following passage as a new paragraph.

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